



Frequently Asked Questions

How does The Centennial Project impact our parish?

St. Joan of Arc Parish has long been a cornerstone of the Hershey community and surrounding areas, but there is a need to continue to expand the infrastructure. Our parish is currently limited by the available space to serve all the needs of a growing school enrollment, groups, and ministries. The acquisition of the Lancaster Mennonite property on Sand Hill Rd has facilitated a path to meet our parish expansion goals in both the new and existing school buildings. The renovation of the cafeteria and classrooms in the "Old Areba" school has transformed the venue into a beautiful Social Hall and enough meeting rooms to meet our ministries' needs and those of the greater community. More work still needs to be done on kitchen equipment improvements and organized storage to enhance efficiency of room preparation. Likewise, the "New Sand Hill" School needs to urgently bring the 3rd Floor on line as the enrollment in just eighteen months of operation has surpassed its capacity. Your support for both of these key projects is critical.

What is a Faith Commitment Pledge?

We are asking for parishioners to make a pledge or "Faith Commitment". A pledge is a commitment that represents a sacrifice to support God's work. The amount you pledge may be given in many ways over the campaign. Please decide the pledge amount that best fits your family's ability to contribute. Once you have prayerfully come to a decision, please fill out a pledge form, which is available on the website and at the parish office. This form is not a promissory note. It is a declaration of intent, a commitment made in faith.

When does my pledge start?

Your contributions can begin as soon as you would like...Commitments can be given upfront, annually, monthly, weekly...however you would like over the course of the campaign.

How do I pay for my pledge?

Gifts and checks can be made payable to *St. Joan of Arc Parish*. Please designate *Capital Campaign* on the memo line or envelope. You are welcome to place gifts in the offering or mail them to the parish office or drop them off. If you would like to fulfill your Capital Campaign pledge in some form other than cash (e.g., appreciated securities), please contact our Parish Manager, Jerry Crawford, at jcrawford@stjoanhershey.org or by phone at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 107.

Where will these funds go?

Every dollar you contribute towards *The Centennial Project* capital campaign will go **directly** to this very important project that impacts the lives of everyone in our parish from our youngest to our most senior parishioners. A separate account has been established to restrict the Capital campaign funds.

How much am I expected to give?

Making a pledge is a prudent, practical, and responsible form of stewardship. Nearly everyone believes in a commitment when dealing with personal financial affairs, when arranging for loans or other forms of credit, or when saving for future expenditures. Now is the time to use this same kind of reasoning to care for our combined interests as a parish community. It would be impossible to raise enough money through cash donations or “gifts of convenience.” We must rely on everyone to plan a personal goal of generosity and then accomplish it, one step at a time. With the spirit of equal sacrifice—not equal gifts—our commitment relies on the spiritual values of sacrifice and faith.

May I change my pledge later in the campaign?

Yes, of course. The future of any member is uncertain. Some may find themselves in better circumstances and be able to give more while others may face unforeseen situations that may cause them to lower their giving. The purpose of the pledge form is to give St. Joan of Arc an idea of how much we can expect to raise from our congregation. It is better for you to indicate the largest amount you will give rather than an amount you will easily exceed.

Will other types of donations be accepted?

Yes! You can support the project in other ways as well, such as: stocks, mutual funds, tax-free charitable RMDs from IRAs, real estate and more. Questions regarding this kind of giving can be directed to our Parish Manager, Jerry Crawford, at jcrawford@stjoanhershey.org or by phone at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 107.

When will renovations begin?

The schedule is contingent on several variables, the most important being the current availability of funds to order HVAC equipment, doors, etc. that may have significant lead times. Our goal is completion of the immediate classroom space needed for the 2022-2023 school year. After approval and building permits are secured, some of the renovations could begin as early as April 2022.

Where can I continue to find updated information?

Updates on the capital campaign can be found online at www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject. Additional information can also be found within the bulletins and newsletters or by contacting the Parish Office at (717)-533-7168



Thank you for all your continued prayers and support!